

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 509
By Cohen

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the Memphis Amateur
Hockey League High School Division.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is proud to specially recognize athletic organizations that help our high school students to develop their athletic skills, to learn the importance of hard work and the willingness to make sacrifices for the good of their teams, to joyously accept victory and resolutely accept defeat and to learn leadership; and

WHEREAS, the Memphis Amateur Hockey League (MAHL) has, for a number of years, sponsored and organized youth ice hockey. This model organization, which is managed by a group of volunteer parents and other interested individuals, has provided an excellent opportunity for young boys and girls to participate and develop their skills in the challenging and fast-paced sport of ice hockey; and

WHEREAS, the MAHL, which is affiliated with USA Hockey (the sanctioning body for youth hockey nationwide), offers children from the ages of 4 through 17 the choices of participating in a House League (recreational) or a Travel League (competitive). The Travel League teams are members of the Southern Youth Hockey League, which is composed of teams from Memphis, Atlanta, Birmingham, Huntsville, Nashville, Knoxville and Charlotte; and

WHEREAS, beginning in 1997, MAHL expanded its youth hockey participation by creating a third league called the High School Division. This division or league is formed by club teams representing the following high schools: Christian Brothers, coached by Sean Hopkins

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and Doug Arscott; Collierville, coached by Kevin Howell and Rob Mitchell; Houston, coached by Danny Bubnick and Bob Kerber; Germantown, coached by Carl Schafer and Mark Clendenin; and Metro, which is composed of students from different city and county high schools who individually cannot generate the number of players required to field a team, coached by Steve Jorgenson and Charlie Hines; and

WHEREAS, the schools that participate as part of the Metro Team are: Memphis University School, Barlett High School, Kirby High School, Evangelical Christian School, Bolton High School, Southhaven High School, Overton High School, Craigmont High School, Olive Branch High School, Wooddale High School, Bodine High School and White Station High School; and

WHEREAS, these school teams play a competitive schedule beginning in November and lasting through February. All teams are categorized as club teams endorsed, but not supported by, the individual high school or by the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association; and

WHEREAS, at the end of the regular season, the league has a playoff series designed to create an overall league champion. Additionally, each of these schools may play non-conference games against high school teams from cities, such as St. Louis and Dallas where high school hockey is solidly entrenched; and

WHEREAS, the league champion this season was the Metro team and Germantown won the Memphis Cup; and

WHEREAS, the following individual players won league awards: Top Goal Scorer and Top Points Leader, John Awe, Germantown High School, with 20 regular season goals and 18 goals in the tournament; Playmaker (Top Assists) Brett Baddorf, Houston High School, with 14 assists; and Top Goalie (Save %) Steve Pak, Germantown High School, with an 89% save rate; and

WHEREAS, the league's Top Three Sponsors were: Bud Davis Cadillac, Promus Hotel Corporation and Sedgwick; and

WHEREAS, the League's Executive Committee members include: Michael Wynn, Chairman; Carol Jarvis, Liaison & Member of MAHL Board; Stan Turk, Treasurer; Fred Dorn, Christian Brother High School; Dan Scates, Collierville High School; Tom Mathis, Germantown High School; Tim Ziegler, Houston High School; and Ed Scharff, Metro High Schools; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause to specially recognize this commendable group; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor and commend everyone associated with the Memphis Amateur Hockey League High School Division and wish them much continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate duly inscribed copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation, with this final clause omitted from such copies.